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Russia wants peace, but does no ant to pay much to get it.

It a man cant make a living in De so county, he isn't any good.

A tanning factory and a beef refirigwating plant, would be paying propoaltions in this community.

Camp Perry is the best advertised and at the same time the least popular of all of Florida's health resort.

That "White Winged Dove of Peace' fluttering above Portsmouth, seems to be about ready to resume its flight.

Oranges are ripening, but we have not as yet heard the whistle of that new railroad that was promised us to move this season's crop.

It is said that that the young ladies of Florida meet their young men callers at the door and demand to see their health cervificate before admitting them to the dimly lighted par-

The phosphate industry of this county is assuming gigantic proportions. The Peace River Phosphate Co., are making extensive improvements in are unusally heavy.

Florida, is well worth consideration them. She asks the limitation of and investigation. The "Land of Flow- Russia's sea power on the Pacific, bean industry. Florida is to the United and if Russia were free to do as she profitably and successfully conducted compelled to sustain the expense of a

fortunate people." They are nothing the indemnity claim were out of the those people whom these covicts have robbed and to the widows and chilren of the men they have murdered."

Virginians had a great day at Louisa, Va. It was the unveiling of a confederate moument and the exercises incident thereto. The monument is a heroic figure of a Confederate soldier in uniform and with his accoutrements arranged in bas relief in stone. It stands on a neat pedestal in the court house square, midway between the main entrance gate and the new court house. It is the work of W. L. Shepherd, of Richmond, and is at once expressive and highly artistic. This patriotic work of raising monuments to the dead Confederacy goes right along in the various Southern States. It seems to be the intention to never let the memory of the Confederacy die, and so mote it be .- Jacksonville Me-

The County Commissioners of De Soto have deicded to leave the matter of an appropriation for an exhibit at the State Fair, to be held in Tampa, to the will of the people. In doing so shey have acted, wisely, and it is the tope of many of the county's most cominent citizens that a large approliation, or at least \$2000, will be made and they will vote for that amount. For less, this county can not be repwith the credit that she

be emple. The chance to advertise De Soto's immense resources are greater than ever before and it will be wrong not to take advantage of the opportunity. Gen. Gilchrist, who opposed the State appropriation, is strongly in favor of a large county appropriation, for he realizes that the fair will be a huge one and the advertising opportunities unexcelled. Let every patriotic citizen of De Soto coun-send an exhibit to Tampa that the county will feel proud of.

> The President, it is understood, is taking a hand in the Portsmouth nego- 837 tiations. A point has been reached where a rupture is regarded as almost inevitable. It is now quite confidently expected that the negotiations will 857 come to an end early this week, per- 851 haps at the meeting on Tuesday. Still 841 there is a chance that a way will be found to overcome the seeming in- 840 surmountable obstacles which are now in the way of further proceedings. The 854 envoys have gone to the limit of their 856 instructions, and the Mikado and the Czar have been cabled the situation. s It is for them to open the way for a 844 continuance of the negotaitions. It is 847 barely possible that the President may 8 make some suggestions that will have a helpful effect. It is understood that Baron Rosen is having a talk with him at Sagamore Hill. No one of the Jap- Poll taxes anese envoys is expected to consult with him. Hence, the inference is that Japan proposes to have what she has demanded or continue the war. There are four things the Japanese demand which the Russian refuse to concede. They demand the Russian ships interned in neutral ports, the limitation of Russia's sea power on the Pacific, the cession of the Island of Sakhalin and an indemnity approaching the amount the war has cost them.

Are the demands reasonable, all the their plants and shipments at this time circumstances considered? As a matter of fact the ships are not worth a great deal, and perhaps, Japan would That idea of Professor Moulie's be willing, if the other matters would ment perfumery manufactories in be adjusted to abandon her claim on ers" should be the natural home of cause she wants a permanent peace, States what France and Italy are to pleased it wouldn't be long before she Enrope and many profitable industries would be in a position to threaten Jain vogue in these countries could be pan again. Japan would therefore be large navy.

The Island of Sakhalin is now in the The Punta Gorda Herald puts it in posession of Japan, and there is no about right, as the following demon- way to get it away from her except to strates: "The esteemed Lake City take it by force, and Russia isn't in Index in a moment of thoughtlessness any condition to use forcible means in refers to the State convicts as "un- that part of the world at present. If of the kind; they are mostly a lot of way, it is probable that all of the other of the kind; they are mostly a lot of way, it is probable that all of the other unmitigated scoundrels who are very things could be adjusted. Russia's To the honorable Board of County fortunate in not having been shot for pride balks at buying a settlement of their outrages. If you have any kind the war. The payment of money is an and soft words to use apply them to admission of defeat, and she doesn't admit she is whipped. She has a mighty army at Manchuria and millions of soldiers to draw upon for other armies. It is true she is lacksng in money for war expenses, but she could manage to worry Japan for a long time | the month of July, 1905. without any more money than she can raise at home.

The question then is, would it be better to continue the war or to yield to Japan's demands? It is quite certain that if the war should be continued and Japan should be victor ous she would strip Russia of all of her Far East posessions or ge, an indemnity much larger than she is now demanding. And the chance is that she would Millhouse, Kate Driggers, Kate Huncontinue to be successful, mainly be- ter, James L. Reid, Geo. Knowles cause her forces are better organized Cecelia Simon, Frank Chansey, Henry and the hearts of her people are in the Summerall, Edgar William, Gilbert war while those of the people of Rus- Barnhall, Chas. Daniels, E. M. Choates, sia are not. It would seem that the and David McQueen. wiser course of Russia to pursue is to make peace on the best terms she can ker, county treasurer: Fine of Dan get, and it isn't improbable that such Shelfer, \$10; E. M. Choates, \$1; Ulric COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGREE. is the advice of the President to Baron | Langford, \$1; total \$12.

> Cause and Effect. Mr. Crabtree—Old Measley Curmud-geon died yesterday and his wife passed away two hours later. It makes no mention of her aliment. Mrs. Crabiree (who knew him)—She was probably "tickled to death."—Town and Coun-

Mirita.

Harmless mirth is the best cordial against the consumption of the spirit. Wherefore jesting is not unlawful, if

Of County Board of Public Instruction for Month Ending July 31.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECAPITULATION COUNTY FUND. Bal. in Treasury as per last statement \$3,06 ipts for month as itemized herein 5,414 87 Deficit July \$1, 1905. Total receipts Warrants outstanding, July 1, Warrants drawn this month as itemize

8,486 24 \$8,667 24 RECAPITULATION SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FUNDS Bal, on hand last report

EXPENDITURE COUNTY SCHOOL FUND. THE PRESIDENT TAKING A HAND. 854 July 5 Viola Anderson, 46 (Cancelled] C. H. Paul, 44 Frances Wilkinson, 48

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION, ETC. 
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est paid on \$5,000 R. D. Moore, C. of S. Com E. C. Hudson, C. of S. Com. E.L.Richardson, C. of S.Com Richards, C. of S. Com. Harriett Kensted, G. Com.

Total expenditures \$3,485 24 ITEMIZED RECEIPTS OF COUNTY SCH L FUND. county school levy Total receipts for month \$5,414 87 ITEMIZED BECEIPTS SPECIAL TAX DIST. FUNDS. Total for all dist. \$79 92 \$9 64 \$23 17 \$11,278

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160 F. E. Parker, Com's Nocatee 151 F. M. Cooper, Com's, 156 F. E. Parker, Com's

Report of County Officers. Report of Justice of the Peace 7th

Gentlemen-I had but one case in July, that of John Hodges, assault and battery with intent to murder; bound over, which I respectfully report. Given under my hand and seal this the 31st day of July, A. D. 1905.

GEO. W. MCLANE.

Commissioners: Gentlemen-I beg to report the following case, tried in my court for the

State of Florida vs. Allen McQueen. for carrying repeating rifle without bond; plead guilty and fined \$5, which

was turned over to county treasurer. I certify the above to be a true state ment of all casas tried in my court for

Respectfully submitted. JONATHAN COKER, J. P. ARCADIA, FLA., Aug. 1, 1905. To the honorable Board of County

Commissioners of De Soto County: Gentlemen-i hereby tender my re port for the month of July, 1905.

The following prisoners were confined during said month in the county jail: I. E. Cooper, Charles Wright, James Dixon, William Graham, R. C. Knowles, H. R. Woodward, Cornelius

The following fines were collected

Respectfully submitted. A. C. FREEMAN, Sheriff. To the honorable Board of County Commissioners of De Soto County: Gentlemen-I herewith submit re ort of licenses and taxes collected by me during the month ending July 31,

Abstract of Funds: eneral revenue 29 70 118 80—\$267 30 \$16 00 10 50—\$ 26 50 \$ 4 41

75-\$19 62-\$313 42 Total col. State tax Report of Tax Sales of July 3, 1005.

Sale Made to Individuals: Fine and Forfeiture 149 12-\$335 52 Treadin

Respectfully submitted. W. C. LANGFORD, T. C.

To the honorable Board County Commissioners of De Soto County:

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Arcadia,

This the 4th day of Aug., 1905.

I beg leave to report the criminal ousiness done in my court for the month of July, 1905, and report as fol-

The State vs. Gilbert Bombill, assault and battery; fined \$40 and costs. In default of paying said amounts, sentenced three months at hard labor. The State vs. E. M. Choats, carrying pistol without permit: fined \$1 and cost. In default of paying said amounts, sentenced to 30 days at hard

amounts, sentenced to do days at labor.

The State vs. David McQueen, vagrancy; sentenced to 30 days at hard labor and taxed with costs. In default of paying costs, 10 days additional at hard labor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the criminal business done in my court for the month of July, 1905.

J. B. COCHRAN, C. J.

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